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TAGS: OVIP, UK

SUBJECT: MORE ON LOPEZ- BRAVO VISIT TO LONDON

REF: LONDON 5135

1. SUMMARY: BRITISH REGRETFULLY DENY THERE IS ANY TRUTH TO STORY IN MAY 7 INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE THAT UK AND SPAIN HAVE AGREED TO SHELVE GIBRALTAR DISPUTE. END SUMMARY.
2. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE MAY 7 CARRIES AP STORY DATED LONDON MAY 6 AND ATTRIBUTED TO " QUALIFIED DIPLOMATS-" THAT BRITAIN AND SPAIN HAVE " AGREED QUIETLY TO SHELVE THEIR DISPUTE OVER GIBRALTAR FOR THE SAKE OF A NEW FRIENDSHIP THAT INCLUDES DISCREET MILITARY COOPERATION." THE ARTICLE CITES LOPEZ BRAVO' S FORTH-COMING VISIT TO LONDON AS " PROOF AND SYMBOL OF THE IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP."
3. WE QUERIED GOODISON, HEAD OF SOUTHERN EUROPEAN  
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DEPARTMENT, FCO, ABOUT STORY, AND HE DENIED, WITH

OBVIOUS REGRET, THAT THERE WAS ANY TRUTH IN IT. HE STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT NOTHING REPEAT NOTHING HAS BEEN AGREED IN ADVANCE BY UK AND SPAIN REGARDING LOPEZ BRAVO VISIT, AND THEN BRIEFLY REPEATED FCO ASSESSMENT HE HAD GIVEN US PREVIOUSLY ( REFTEL) .

4. ARTICLE STATES THAT SEVERAL BRITISH- SPANISH NAVAL EXERVICES HAVE BEEN HELD IN PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS. GOODISON NOTED THAT ON CONTRARY NONE HAS BEEN HELD IN PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS. ( THYES), BEFORE MEETING, TOLD U. S. REP THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED STATEMENT ON PHASE II TO BE MADE BY THE U. S. REP IN ANKARA AS AMENDED BY UK ( REF A AND B). RUMSFELD

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